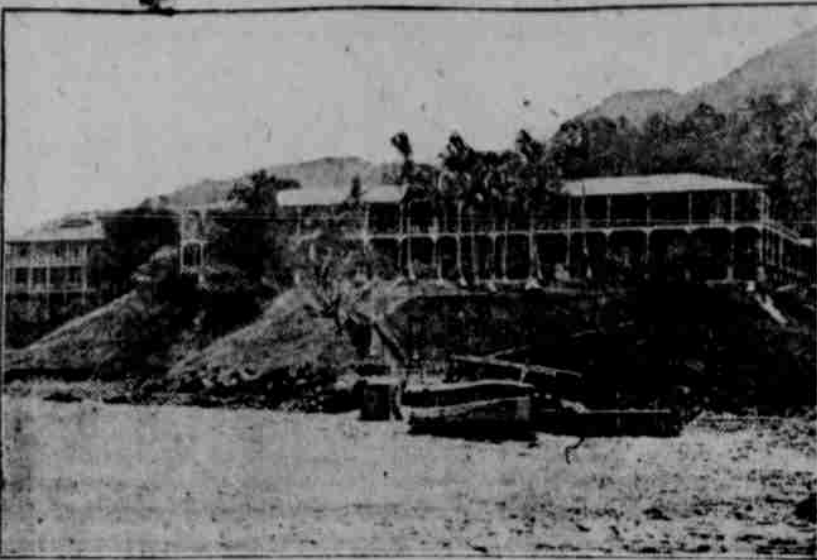




The AMERICAN LEGION

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AMERICAN LEGION NOW HAS THE DEPARTMENT OF PANAMA



Scene on the island of Taboga, where the Department of Panama held its recent convention.

Sixteen years ago when President Roosevelt called on the men of America to enlist in the great adventure of cutting a waterway from ocean to ocean through the Isthmus of Panama, that the strength of the American fleet might not be divided by a voyage of weeks from the east to the west coast there were thousands of volunteers who answered his call. To Panama they went and built the great canal, fighting all the time against perpetual heat, almost perpetual rain, fevers and all the pests of the tropics.

Many of them gave up the struggle and returned home but others stayed until the great dream came true. And they are there yet in that far-dubg outpost of America by the locks that are lapped by the waters of two oceans.

Again in April, 1917, came a call to duty—a summons to war—and that call was not unheard at the canal. One by one men and women dropped out of the shops and offices and donned the army khaki and the navy blue or the modest cap and cane of the army nurse corps until on November 11, 1918, the day of the armistice, there were approximately 500 Canal men and women in uniform.

They saw service in all branches of American arms. They were on land and sea, in the air and under the water. They were a versatile people and they were fighters as their building of

the canal had proved. They came back with almost every medal and decoration of the war, including citations from the French, British and the other allies.

In September of last year several of these fighters met to form a post of the American Legion. One had recently been an aviator in France, another as a lieutenant of engineers had done things in No Man's Land that high British officers said were impossible. A third, after many months of volunteer ambulance driving before America entered the war, had enlisted in the French artillery and had ended as a lieutenant. This first post was immediately followed by a second and the creation of the department of Panama of the American Legion with headquarters at Cristobal.

The first convention of the department was held recently on the island of Taboga, 12 miles from the mainland of the Isthmus of Panama and in sight of the spot where in 1513 Vasco Nunez de Balboa discovered the Pacific ocean. At this convention Elbert S. Waid was elected department commander and Edward J. Dault, department adjutant for the coming year. These offices previously had been held by Conyngham Patterson and Herbert Pearson, respectively. Arrangements were also made to have the Panama department represented at the Cleveland convention.

ELECTED FOR THREE YEARS

Thomas J. Bannigan is Re-Elected Connecticut Department Adjutant for Unusually Long Period.

The innovation of choosing a department adjutant to serve for three years was adopted by the Connecticut convention of the American Legion. Thomas J. Bannigan of Hartford was



Thomas J. Bannigan.

re-elected for that period. Ordinarily the term of a department adjutant is one year only but the longer period, it was felt, would enable Mr. Bannigan to obtain far-reaching results.

MEDAL OF HONOR SAVED HIM

New Jersey Legion Member Escapes Jail Sentence by Display of His Emblem.

Sentimental considerations left out of the reckoning, Frank Sadowski, an American Legion member of Newark, N. J., found out the other day that a Congressional Medal of Honor is a handy thing to have.

Sadowski works in the day time and sleeps at night. That is, he had been sleeping of nights until a couple of loving cats began a noisy courtship on his back fence. Sadowski stood it as long as he could and then went down in his old barracks bag and dragged out the trusty automatic he carried in France. The cats became casualties and Sadowski became a prisoner of the law and was hauled into court charged with disturbing the peace.

The evidence was all against him and he was about to be sentenced when, inadvertently, he mentioned that he once killed six Germans single handed and captured their machine gun with the same revolver with which he routed the yowling cats. For this feat he won America's highest war honor, and a string of lesser medals. He produced the medals as proof and the judge let him off.

SHALL GIRLS BE ADMITTED?

Membership Question Looms Before Officials of Legion—Some "Y" Workers Present Claims.

A recurring question before the officials of the American Legion is that of eligibility to membership. Just where is the line to be drawn? Shall, for instance, those "little sisters of the army," the "Y" girls, be admitted to full membership?

Although at present they stand without the pale there are some who believe they should be taken in. Some of the girls themselves have very modestly presented their claims. The following is an excerpt from a letter from Miss Sallie Lou Massey of Meridian, Miss., to the national commander:

"I am just one of hundreds of 'Y' girls at home now, wearing pretty clothes which don't seem quite right after having worn the uniform. In France we cooked, kept house, handed out magazines and papers and danced—hundreds of kilometers we danced—all of which isn't so much, I know, but the spirit behind it made us feel that we belonged to the men of the A. E. F. and they to us. Has all this comradeship been shed with the uniform? We have watched with high hopes the development of the American Legion, and in your splendid achievements



Sallie Lou Massey.

those hopes are being fulfilled. Why is the 'Y' girl, who was one of you in France, left out? Is not affiliation with the American Legion the only way by which we can carry on and keep the spirit that was ours in France?"

Miss Massey served nine months in France. She received a citation for courageous work among the troops during the influenza epidemic in the fall of 1918.

RIVERDALE

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Phillips Sunday, October 31st, 1920, a son.

Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Highfield spent Sunday in Alma guests of Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Carney.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bywater were over Sunday visitors of relatives near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Nelson and Dr. and Mrs. Norman Brownridge and daughter, Margaret, spent Sunday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bartlett.

Glen Hudson was home from Detroit for several days last week.

Mr. D. Snider spent Saturday and Sunday at Battle Creek.

Mrs. Julia Rice has moved into the Edwin Miner residence.

Mrs. Henry Wolfgang has been sending the past two weeks with relatives at Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry White spent Sunday at Seville Center guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry White.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellison are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Saturday, October 30.

Mrs. Nellie Rose spent Thursday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webb north of Riverdale.

Miss Ruth Van Alstine of Flint spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Alstine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Farmer of Stanton were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Tuttle.

Mrs. Cora Hydes spent Thursday and Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. P. O'Brien of St. Louis spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Carrier Treece.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, and daughter, Hazel, of Isabella county were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Alstine Wednesday.

Miss Lillian Horton was home from Alma over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Erskin of near Vestaburg spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Laurel Welsh.

Leo Stacey has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the elevator at Bad Axe.

Mrs. Libbie Rice spent the week end at Summer Center, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson.

Mrs. Mary Hyde has closed up her home in Riverdale and will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Wiley, of Holton.

Mrs. Byron Baird and son of Beaver Creek are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wolfgang.

Jarvis Turner of Shepherd was in town last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miner have rented their home for the winter to Mrs. Julia Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Miner are living with their daughter, Mrs. Delbert Ruby, for the present, but expect to leave shortly for Marshall to spend the winter with their son, Albert Miner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nunn and sons, Robert and Howard, were Alma visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Millard Hopkins of Breckenridge spent the week end with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Tuttle were Alma visitors Friday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church met at the home of Mrs. Henry Lucas Wednesday afternoon.

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Glen Rose's on Wednesday, November 10. Everybody welcome.

Mrs. Fred Nunn and Miss Winifred Croton spent Sunday near Ithaca, guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nunn.

Mrs. Harry King of Pontiac was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben King.

Mrs. David Dutt has returned from her two weeks' visit with relatives at Durand.

Mrs. Wm. Bradley and son, Forrest, spent Sunday in St. Louis, guests of Mrs. Carrie Tallon and Mrs. Mary Whitney.

FOREST HILL

Mrs. Silas Randolph of Grand Rapids was calling on old friends in town the first of the week.

Miss Gladys Failing who has been spending the summer at California returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Eva Bailor entertained company from Crystal last week.

Miss Clara Hamilton of Saginaw spent the week end with her parents.

Mrs. E. C. Owen was called to Alma last week by the serious illness of her daughter, Miss Musa.

Mrs. L. R. May and daughter, Miss Margaret, of Alma called on friends in town Friday.

Coming—"The Fall of Babylon."—adv.

Coming—"The Lost City."—adv.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Gratiot.

Estate of Lydia Kohn, Deceased. John D. Spence, administrator of said estate has filed in this Court his Final Account, and the same will be heard at the Probate Office on the 19th day of November, 1920, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

All persons interested are requested to be present on that day and show cause, if any, why the same should not be allowed.

Dated, October 13th, 1920. J. LEE POTTS, A true copy. (Attest.) Judge of Probate.

Register of Probate. 70-4w

Estate of Agnes E. Sterling HEARING CLAIMS.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate office in the village of Ithaca in said county, on the 29th day of September, 1920, Present: Hon. J. Lee Potts, Judge.

In the matter of the estate of Agnes E. Sterling, Deceased. The above estate having been admitted to Probate and Charles J. Sterling appointed executor thereof.

It is ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate and that such claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 21st day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in The Alma Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy. Attest. J. LEE POTTS, Judge of Probate.

MORTGAGE SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the second day of March, in the year 1911, executed by Joshua L. Miller and Frances Miller, his wife, of the city of Alma, county of Gratiot, State of Michigan, to Anna W. Wright of the same place, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county of Gratiot in Liber 124 of mortgages on page 421, on the 14th day of April in the year 1911 at eleven o'clock A. M. And whereas, the amount claimed to be due upon said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of fifty-three hundred forty-two and ninety one hundredths dollars (\$5342.91) of principal and interest and the further cost of this foreclosure, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in the said mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of the said power of sale, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house at Ithaca, Michigan, in said county of Gratiot, on the third day of January, 1921, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day; which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit: The north-west quarter of section sixteen (16); and the south fifty (50) acres of the east half of the north-east quarter of section seventeen (17) in the township of NE 1/4, 17; and beginning at a point sixty-seven and one-third rods south and eighty rods west of the north-east corner of the north-east quarter of section seventeen (17) thence north on the half-quarter line seven and one-third rods to the south-west corner of the north thirty acres of the east half of the north-east quarter of said section seventeen, thence west about ten and nine-tenths rods (10.9R) to the center of Pine River, thence southerly up the channel of said river to a point directly west of the place of beginning, thence east about ten and nine-tenths rods (10.9R) to place of beginning, being a strip of land containing one-half acre lying between Pine River on the west and the north & south half-quarter line on the east, all above lands being in township eleven (11) north, range three (3) west, and subject to the Right of Flowage by the works of said Pine River, owned or controlled by the owners of the Alma Roller Mills in the city of Alma, Michigan.

Dated Alma, Michigan, 2nd day of October, 1920.

Lester A. Sharp, Willis T. Knowlton, Surviving executors of the last will of Anna W. Wright, deceased.

William A. Bahlke, Attorney. 68-13-c

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